



# City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL 60432

## Memo

**File #:** TMP-2302

**Agenda Date:** 9/3/2021

**TO:** James V. Capparelli, City Manager

**FROM:** Greg Blaskey, Fire Chief

**DEPARTMENT:** Fire Department

**SUBJECT:**  
Application for Assistance to Fire Firefighters Grant

**PURPOSE:**  
To Seek financial support for replacement of personal protective devices (self-contained breathing apparatus) for the Fire Department personnel

### FACTS:

- a. The Joliet Fire Department responds to incidents of all nature, including atmosphere that are oxygen deficient and an immediate danger to life and health. Those situations require use of self-contained breathing apparatus.
- b. The Joliet Fire Department has strategically replaced SCBA units over time due to age, technology or damage from usage. The cost of replacement has become a financial burden to the city as the current per unit cost is \$7100.00.
- c. FEMA has established a funding source for Fire Departments and similar response agencies through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, to provide funding for needed equipment and vehicles. The current funding submittal period is January 4 through February 2, 2021 with a total available grant fund of 319.5 million dollars.
- d. The Joliet Fire Department has enlisted a professional grant writer to assist in formulation and submittal of required and supportive documentation for the grant. Vickers Consulting Group of Houston, TX is providing this support for a flat rate sum of \$900.00. The total grant request is \$769,225.00

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Enclosures: None